coining to London died, and there is an end of the quarrel Sir John Gilbert came to Sir Christopher St Lawrence to know if, because he did not pledge my Lord of Essex, he would stab him 5 for so it was given out that Sir Christopher should say Sir Christopher said it was a be 3 but what he said he would maintain with his s\vord Sir John replied he pledged it not because he was allied to a contrary faction

z%tb October A RASH CAPTAIN

All captains that have charge in Ireland are commanded to be gone To-day Sir Christopher St Lawrence was at the Council table before the Lords He was in question some days since because at an ordinary he took a cup and drank to the health of my Lord of Essex and the confusion of his enemies Mr Secretary told him that he had used undecent speeches of him and took him to be his professed enemy Sir Christopher answered that he knew both how to govern himself and his speech towards him , that whosoever told him of it was a villain, and if he would name lum, he would make him deny it, ay, by God, that he would 3 saying all this with very great reverence towards the place but passionate as a soldier moved with the speech of so great a Councillor It was told him that he was an Irishman, to which he replied, * I am sorry that when I am in England I should be esteemed an Irishman, and in Ireland an Englishman , I have spent my blood, engaged and endangered my life often to do her Majesty service, and do beseech to have it so regarded *

1st November A PLAY OF SIR JOHN OLDCASTLE

This day at the Rose my Lord of Nottingham's men have a new play called *The first part of the life of Sir John Oldcastle the*

good Lord Cobham, wherein is shown how Oldcastle was pursued and falsely accused to King Harry the Fifth by the malice of the Bishop of Rochester, and how he escaped from those dangers , also the lewdness of the parson of Wrotham, one Sir John, that kept a lusty wench called Doll as-his quean for whom he would rob passengers This play, saith the players, presenteth no pampered glutton, nor aged councillor to youthful sin, but one whose virtue shone as a valiant martyr, and a loyal peer to his sovereign The poets that wrote it are Munday, Drayton,